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UNPOPULAR SENTIMENT—More than 200 faculty, classified staff and student protesters voiced their dissatisfaction with LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai in front of district headquarters yesterday in downtown L.A.

Protesters face board; call for Koltai ouster

Students voice grievances; denounce proposed layoffs

By SAL SCIORTINO, City Editor

Hundreds of students marched from the Los Angeles Trade Tech (LATT) campus to the district office on 617 S. 7th Street yesterday, where they met about 50 faculty and staff carrying signs. They intended to take their protest before the scheduled meeting of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees.

"Lay off the trustees," and "dump Koltai," were among the slogans printed on the signs.

A college police officer removed the sticks from the signs as the protesters flooded the lobby. They boarded elevators and climbed stairs to the 12th floor, the location of the boardroom.

The protesters filled the viewing area. Several stood in the aisles.

Marjorie Davis, student body president of LATT led the crowd in chants of "They say cutback, we say fight back."

Petitions signed by hundreds of students, staff, and faculty were presented to the board by designated speakers.

The petitions called for the resignation of Chancellor Leslie Koltai. Some of the petitions also demanded the removal of district vice chancellors as well.

In addition to the 53 classified lay-offs pending January 1, 1986, some students has also gathered to protest increased parking fees, material fees, and problems with the financial aid system.

"We see the cuts in financial aid as a barrier for students who go into higher education," said Gilbert Sanchez, a student from East Los Angeles College and co-ordinator of the United Students Against Cutbacks (USAC).

About 40 speakers addressed the trustees.

"No one here," said Barbara Kleinschmitt, president of the American Federation of Teachers College Staff Guild, "believes that the fate of the largest community college district in the state depends on the lay-offs of 53 classified employees."

Burt Siskin, professor of anthropology at Valley, presented a letter signed by 101 faculty members and 61 others, calling for the chancellor's resignation.

Siskin recommended that cuts be made at the downtown office.

"I think that cuts have got to be made here," he said, "where the students aren't."

"All of the downtown offices get cleaned everyday," Siskin said, "but for me to get my office cleaned, I have to submit a work order."

Sharlene Pollyea, a Valley professor of office administration, also addressed the board. She said that when a printer broke down earlier in the semester, it

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ATTENTIVE—LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai listens to his critics at the board of trustees meeting yesterday.

Chancellor speaks at Valley; discusses next year's deficit

By SAL SCIORTINO, City Editor

Chancellor Leslie Koltai of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) addressed the faculty senate on campus last Thursday, speaking for 20 minutes and answering questions from faculty, students and staff afterwards.

The chancellor focused his remarks on next year's budget deficit, and how the district would deal with it.

Measures the district may take include lowering salaries, regionalizing programs to fewer colleges within the district, and moving some of the functions of the central administrative office to campuses.

Koltai said that without students and money, "the comprehensive community college is in danger."

"For the first time," the chancellor said, "I see a danger . . . that some of the colleges will have to scrap their so-called comprehensive programs, and we will have to look for the possibility of a comprehensiveness on a regional basis."

Koltai cited demographic data which indicated that colleges like Los Angeles Southwest College have lost more students than colleges like Valley.

Koltai predicted that enrollment would continue to decline in the future.

"We are not at the end of our enrollment downsizing," he said. "As a matter of fact, colleges like your institution, unless you make very specific moves, you are candidates for major drops."

Koltai was referring to recruitment. He suggested that Valley consider recruitment ideas which are being tried at other campuses.

Koltai said that some colleges have suffered severe enrollment drops.

"I can tell you that the decrease in

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Upcoming Little Hoover hearing agenda released

By RONN CROWDER, Editor-In-Chief

The Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy, also called the Little Hoover Commission, will hold a hearing Nov. 21 in the L.A. City Council Chambers.

The agenda for the hearing was released exclusively to the *Star* last Friday

Of the four community college districts to be scrutinized, Lassen, Peralta, and Chaffey are all much smaller than the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), and will receive less attention.

One reason is the $5 million deficit experienced by the LACCD in the 1984-85 fiscal year. Although the district has nine schools, compared to between one and four schools for each of the other districts, allegations of mismanagement and conflicts of interest attracted the attention of the commission.

Eleven witnesses are scheduled to testify at the hearing, including Dr. Joshua Smith, chancellor of the California community college system, and George Kieffer, president of the Board of Governors of the state community colleges.

Smith and Kieffer are scheduled to offer expert testimony on the overall condition of the system, according to Jeannine English, assistant executive director of the commission.

Four witnesses are slated to testify regarding LACCD problems, one of whom is Leslie Boston, professor of English at Valley.

District Chancellor Leslie Koltai has been called to testify, along with Dr. Monroe Richman, president of the LACCD Board of Trustees.

The fourth witness from the LACCD is Don Burnett, former instructor and dean of admissions at Valley, who later became a district administrator before retiring.

The Peralta district, with "four or five schools," according to English, will be represented by testimony from Dr. Donald Godbold, the district chancellor.

Laney College in the Peralta district will send its President, Chris Hadley.

Lassen Community College President Robert Theiler has agreed to testify.

Chaffey Community College is represented by Otto Roemmich, district chancellor, and Dr. Phil Hartley, president of the college.

English did not wish to speculate on the possible testimony of the witnesses, saying only that the commission decided to hold the second hearing because of questions raised at the first hearing held Oct. 2 in Los Angeles. At that hearing, Henry Ealy, professor of American cultures at L.A. City College (LACC) and Chao Chien, instructor of data processing in business administration at LACC brought allegations of mismanagement and conflicts of interest against LACCD administrators.

MORRIS J. LITWACK / Valley Star

CHOPPIN'—Weekends at Valley find Gordon Conklin on the parking lot flying his miniature radio-controlled helicopters. He calls it the "LAVC Heliport."

Summit: a chance for peace

By CATHERINE M. SAILLANT, Staff Writer

President Reagan has an opportunity to make a significant contribution to world peace at the superpowers' summit set to begin on Nov. 19 in Geneva. But unless he shows courage in realistically dealing with the Soviets, this chance will slip by.

Soviet Premiere Mikhail Gorbachev has repeatedly indicated, through his words and actions, that he is a reform—minded leader whose primary goal is to vitalize the Soviet economy. But he knows that he cannot concentrate on this objective unless vast reductions in defense spending can be realized.

Therefore, it is within the best interests of the Soviet Union to offer unprecedented reductions in their nuclear arsenal as a powerful incentive to the United States to drop the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), Reagan's theoretical defensive shield against nuclear attack.

While it is true that the Kremlin has violated the terms of other treaties in the past without much concern for world opinion, an offer of this magnitude should not be blindly rejected without consideration.

The Reagan administration contends that SDI will effectively neutralize all offensive missiles, and is too important to use as a bargaining chip with the Soviets on arms reduction.

This kind of reasoning serves to *encourage*, not discourage, an escalation in defense spending and East—West tension on both sides. You can be sure that the Soviets are not going to sit back and agree that SDI is the final ace in the hole.

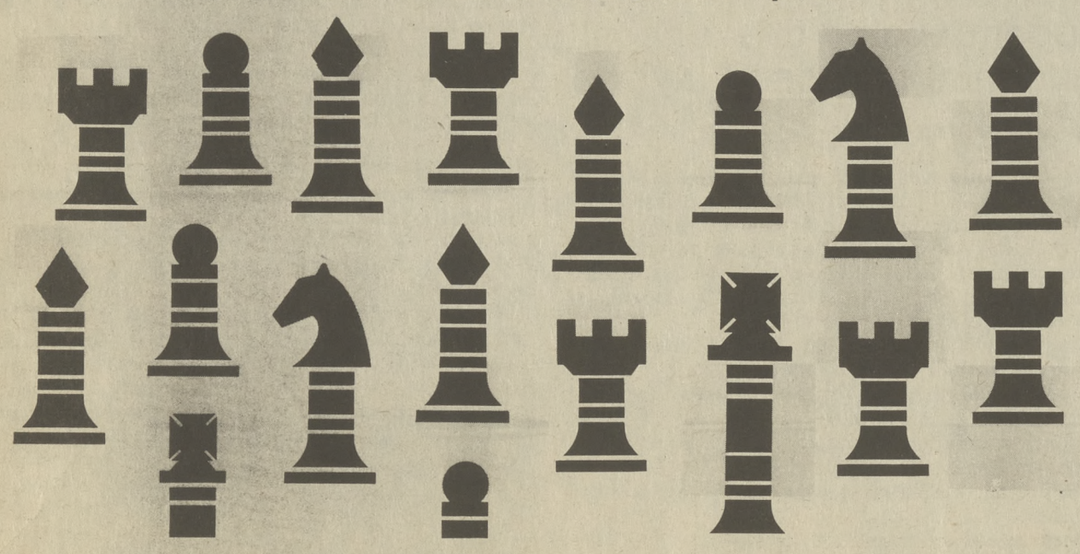
If Reagan can promote a concept like SDI, what is there to stop Gorbachev from trotting out his own fleet of scientists to unveil a new, improved offensive scheme, whether true or sheer fantasy, that will penetrate SDI?

The important factor is that through skillful propaganda, the world arena eventually begins to accept the new idea as conceivable and therefore gives it political weight. The cycle is never ending, extremely expensive, and ultimately self-defeating.

However, the Reagan administration has hinted that this meeting of East and West may only be a "getting to know each other" session, thereby relieving global pressure to come to some kind of substantive agreement on arms control.

This would be extremely unfortunate. Even at the expense of his coveted SDI plan, the President should consider the offer made by the Soviets, albeit with healthy skepticism, rather than seeing this meeting as an international cocktail party.

To continue to adhere to an ideological stance based on the assumption of an "evil empire" can only serve to expose the ignorance inherent of that belief, and make the world an even more dangerous planet.



Seatbelt law restricts rights

By DONNA RAMOS, Staff Writer

On January 1, 1986, I and everyone else who drive cars or ride in them will lose a personal liberty. A manditory seatbelt law will go into effect, requiring motorists and their passengers to use seatbelts whenever the car is in motion.

If the driver is stopped for any reason and someone in the car is not wearing a seatbelt, that person will be fined.

The reason stated by the government for enforcing this law is to "save lives." They claim to have done a study that proved more lives are saved during an accident if seatbelts are worn.

I have been told of many incidents where the exact opposite is true, and that not wearing a seatbelt enabled people to exit their cars quickly. The split second of time it takes to unfasten a seatbelt was the difference between life and death for them.

The government, however, failed to report any findings of such situations.

The slogan is, "Wear a seatbelt, the life you save will be your own." Choosing to wear a seatbelt does not effect the life of anyone else on the road, therefore it is a matter of personal choice, and a personal liberty.

There are many things that endanger the lives of people. War, for instance, certainly is unhealthy. Yet there is no government disclaimer on it, and it is even encouraged in some circumstances.

The government claims that smoking is harmful to our health. Do they outlaw smoking? No, they simply put a warning on the cigarette packages. We still have the liberty to chose whether or not we will smoke.

And what about the drinking water that comes from the sinks in our homes? It has been proven that this water contains chemicals that may cause cancer. Why not outlaw tap water?

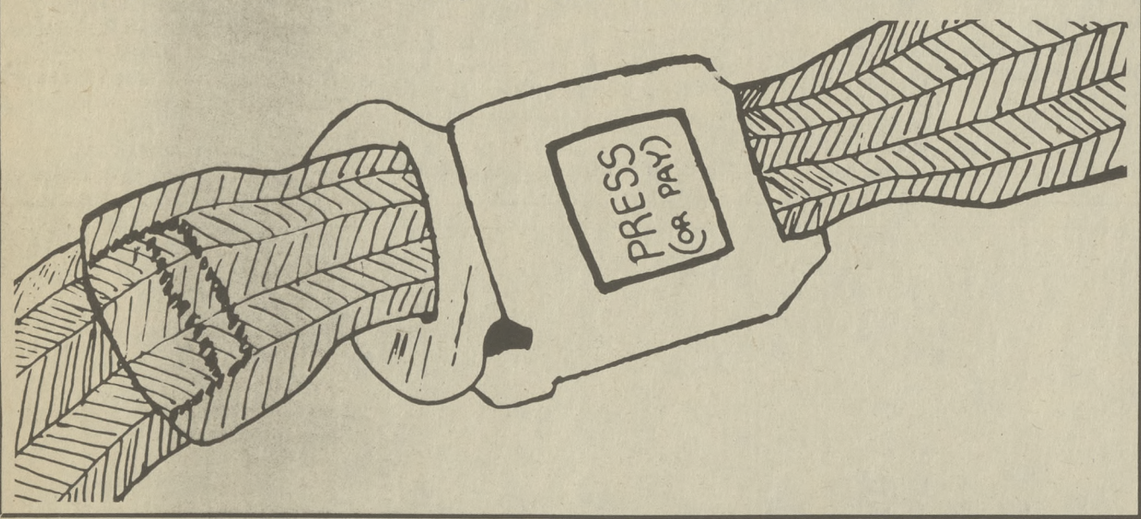
The government should just put out a warning stating that not using a seatbelt could be dangerous to our health, and leave the choice to us. Or could it be that there is big money to be made by the government with this fine?

Motorbikes, and buses with people standing in the aisles seem to be more dangerous than cars without seatbelts.

At least those riding in a car have the protection of the car itself. Motorcyclists are thrown into the air during an accident. There is no law requiring them to wear helmets, either.

People riding in the aisles in crowded buses can lose their balance anytime. If the bus is hit, or stops quickly, they may be hurt badly. Why does the government not outlaw standing in buses? Would it not be saving lives?

The infringement of rights of the seatbelt law opens the door for the government to remove more of our freedoms. One day this nation may wake up and wonder what happened to the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



STAR EDITORIALS

The heroes among us

There are genuine heroes in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Those among us who have stepped forward to confront the problems faced by the system have displayed rare courage.

These heroes, for the most part faculty members who have testified before the Little Hoover Commission, and others who have sent information should be applauded for having such courage.

At risk of being singled out as troublemakers or malcontents, these people have placed their professional reputations on the line in the interest of exposing the truth. They have resisted pressure from their peers, their supervisors, and from LACCD upper-echelons.

They have ignored criticism and possible retribution to inform the public about the situation in the district.

They have the students' interests at heart. They *care* about the quality of our education.

In these dark days, when the LACCD is faced with perhaps its greatest challenge, these are the voices that speak for the students.

But lauding these individuals is not enough. We should take a lesson from them and follow their example. Their courage to speak out should inspire each of us to do whatever is necessary to bring this district out of the Dark Ages into a new Renaissance.

Instructors who have testified, and those who plan to testify at the upcoming Nov. 21 hearing should be encouraged and praised for their efforts.

Putting out the fire

An environment conducive to learning should be free from as many distractions as possible. One would expect students and teachers to work together in pursuit of such a setting.

Yet, at least one instructor on our campus not only allowed his students to smoke cigarettes during class, but actually lit one up himself.

The instructor reportedly went so far as to pull down a projector screen over the room's "No Smoking" sign in an additional act of defiance.

A situation like this places those students offended or allergic to tobacco smoke in a precarious situation. Should they confront the instructor, and risk being viewed with an unfavorable bias by the teacher?

Thanks to the efforts of Valley Associate Professor of Health Education Lou Albert, those offended by smoking in class can breathe a sigh of relief.

Albert found out through one of his students that smoking occurs during some classes, and took the iniative to correct the problem. He wrote a letter to LACCD Board of Trustees President Dr. Monroe Richman, voicing his concerns about the problem, which prompted Richman to propose a no smoking resolution to the Board.

The resolution, passed Oct. 16, puts the Los Angeles Community Colleges in line with the city's smoking ordinance.

We commend Albert for his concern over the quality of learning and life on our campus and for his courage to do something about it.

What's happening?

Do you really know what is going on at Valley College? Is information on campus events and activities readily available to you?

There is presently no central source of information that students can refer to. Valley desperately needs a full—time public relations director to announce campus events and open communications around the school. An established contact for sponsors of events to notify would make publicizing these events simple and help to organize the whole system.

A hotline that students could call for campus news would be efficient and easily achieved with relatively little funding. Not much effort is needed to update a recording daily. Students and teachers could find out what's happening with the convenience of a telephone call, 24 hours a day.

Even a simple bulletin distributed around campus on a regular basis would help to keep everyone informed.

But in view of the continuing budget cuts and staff lay-offs at our community colleges, it seems hopeless to expect funding for this cause. As with previous situations, what the students see as important needs and what they receive from the district administration are often very different.

The lack of information at Valley has resulted in less participation in student activities. Apathy has been blamed for the low turnouts, but we feel the major culprit is unawareness.

The *Star* publicizes campus activities, but it is impossible for a weekly newspaper, run by a limited staff on a tight budget, to cover every event. The *Star* has neither the space nor the manpower to handle this much information. As a weekly paper, priority is given to the news with greatest impact on the school.

Currently, those individuals or organizations sponsoring an event must personally see to it that all details are publicized around the campus. They have insufficient means of communicating these functions, and often not enough people are informed to make the events a success.

Unfortunately, until the district recognizes the problem of poor communication on campus and sees that it is important enough to rectify, students at Valley are left to find information on their own.

Letters to the Star

Truthful reporting

Editor,

On behalf of all of us here at Trade-Tech engaged in the struggle to save the Los Angeles Community Colleges, we want to thank you for your insightful, compassionate, and superb reporting on the colleges, which is in the finest tradition of American journalism.

Throughout this district, the teachers, students, and administrators look forward to seeing the *Valley Star*. We know that only the student press will carry these stories. And, like Watergate, if justice is to prevail, it will be primarily due to those who, with bull-llike tenacity, love truth and justice more than servile aquiescence.

Here at Trade-Tech, instructors and administrators (caught up in fear) are attempting to delay, if not censor, the *Trade Winds*.

I hope that you and all of your fine reports will continue to dig for the truth. There is a scandal here, for there is something "rotten here in Denmark."

Once again, thanks for being a comrade in the struggle. I have recently seen more courage and love among students than I have seen since the much maligned sixties.

If we do not tire but persist, the time will come when the state will see that there exists a band of college students who love truth and justice above all else, that they compel us to save a college system that can produce such good in a darkly troubling time.

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STARMAN—Astronomy Professor Bob Barlow uses a 3-dimensional star chart to point out a constellation of the zodiac.

Perspective

This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College

Far-out Valley professor explains final frontier

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

Teaching is a natural for some people, and Bob Barlow, Valley professor of astronomy, is that kind of person.

Barlow, 53, began his first and only teaching job 19 years ago at Valley.

"It's neat when you find your niche in life," he said. "You don't mind the elbow grease then."

Before that niche was found, he spent a great part of his college years at UCLA experimenting with other job ideas including football, drawing, and philosophy.

After he finished his master of arts degree in geography, he applied for a teaching position at Valley. Competition was tough, and Barlow recalled being called back three times before the job was his.

"I guess there was something in my personality," he said modestly.

That easy-going personality with a good sense of humor is still with him today. "I enjoy happiness and people and try to project this attitude," Barlow said. "I have an appetite for life."

This positive attitude carries into his classroom, too. "I feel that teaching is giving back some of the help you received," he said. "I have been very rewarded in my years at Valley, primarily by the reaction from the students.

"The key to successful living and teaching is to 'be yourself and be sincere,' " he continued. "I don't think I have to be like students to get them to enjoy the course."

Although Barlow has taught various courses in his department,including geography and astronomy, the latter has become his stronger interest in recent years.

"Mass media has helped the general public become more interested in astronomy," he said, citing the NASA space explorations and Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* television series as examples.

Barlow remembers the best years at Valley as the mid-70's. "Those were the expanding years, when we were stretching our wings and growing," he said.

Hypothetically, if Barlow could change anything on campus, he would "eliminate the financial stress. It distracts from learning."

But Barlow admits that he "wouldn't know how to do it."

He believes that communication is a vital part of teaching. "If your students fail, part of it is your fault," he said. "Somewhere between 'milquetoast' and 'hard-nosed' is where you can be successful.

"When people get interested and you see it, that is the reward of teaching," Barlow said.

Homecoming elections held today; commissioner elections next week

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

Elections are being held this week and next for Homecoming King and Queen and Associated Student Union (ASU) commissioner posts.

Polls are open today and were yesterday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the Homecoming election. The polling sites are in front of the Behavioral Science Building and the bookstore.

Any Valley student may vote in the Homecoming election. Current enrollment sheet must be presented at the polls.

Running for Homecoming King are: Chris Blocker, football player; Mario Lopez, basketball player; Bruce Najbergier, ASU commissioner of social activities; and Jeff Rothenbach, yell leader.

Contestants for Homecoming queen are: Kim Austin, cheerleader; Lori Bronte, cheerleader; Ilana Kalb, cheerleader; and Phyllis Newcomb, *Valley Star* staff writer.

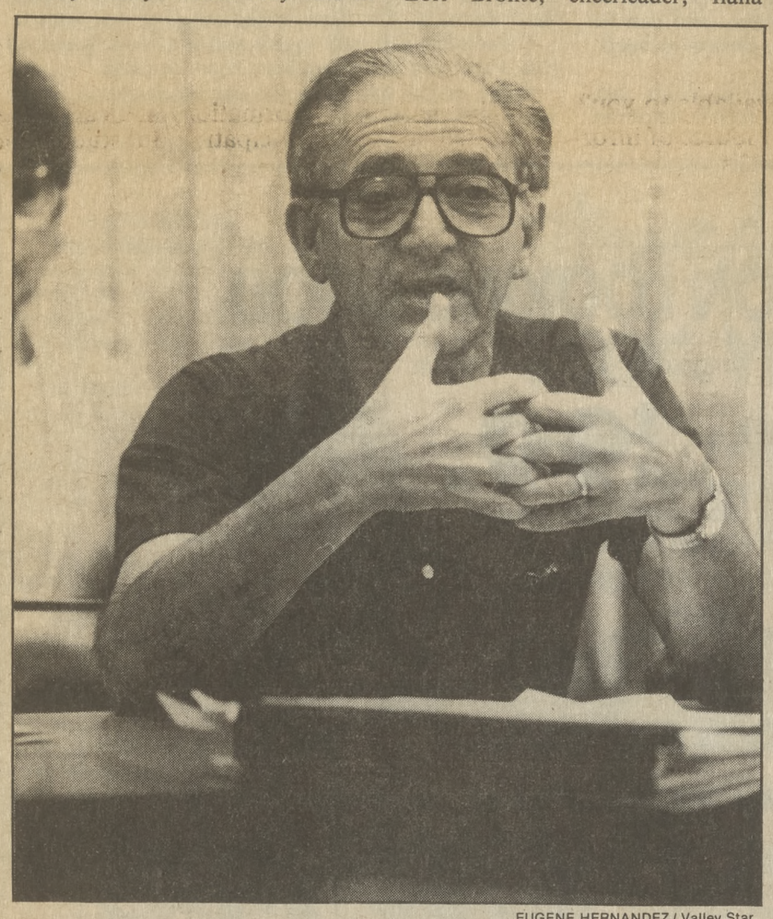
The couple who receive the most votes will be crowned King and Queen at the Homecoming game, Nov. 16. The runner-up couple will serve as their court.

To be eligible to run in the Homecoming election, the contestant must have a current 2.0 GPA, be enrolled in either nine units as a day student or six units as a night student and be a paid ASU member.

Elections for the 17 ASU commissioner posts will be held Nov. 20 and 21. Petitions to run are due today at noon in CC 101. The requirements to run are the same as for the Homecoming election.

Commissioners elected will serve through the Spring '86 semester.

To vote in the ASU commissioner election, students must show their current paid ASU I.D. cards.



EUGENE HERNANDEZ / Valley Star

QUESTIONER—Bernie Friedman, chairman of the mathematics department, poses a question during LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai's visit last Thursday, Nov. 7, with the LAVC faculty senate.

Koltai visit . . .

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The chancellor said that at least some of the functions of the central district office should be moved to campuses.

"To immediately downsize the downtown establishment," he said, "I advance cutting up the district office into two units."

He suggested moving the computer facility to Los Angeles City College, and moving payroll and catalog functions to a campus as well.

The "policy center," which Koltai said includes the board of trustees and other bodies which recommend policy, would be placed "somewhere," although he did not name a possible location.

He said that the administrations of every campus also needed reviewing.

But cutting administrative expenses would not be enough to prevent a deficit next year, he said.

"We are looking at a serious possibility for deficit," he said, "unless we can appeal to the legislature and the governor."

In reference to recent layoffs, Koltai said he was recommending the appointment of a chancellor's advisory committee to find new positions for people on the layoff list. Earlier in the semester, the LACCD board of trustees voted to cut 53 positions from the budget.

Koltai congratulated the faculty on Valley's transfer record.

"I would like to believe that you have the largest number of students who are transferring to UCLA," among other four-schools he mentioned.

He concluded his address to the senate with a quote from Geraldine Ferraro's book, which said that her stop at Valley College was the greatest meeting of her campaign.

The first senator to speak to Koltai during the question and answer session said that the Center of Staff Development, an office which produces lecture and examination materials, was not as important as the Instructional Media Center, which lost its only technician to the layoff list.

The observation drew a round of applause from the audience.

"That's my answer," Koltai said, while clapping into the microphone. "You are right."

It was later disclosed, however, that the director of the Faculty Support Center was also on the layoff list. The faculty had not been warned.

Leon Marzillier, a math teacher, asked whether, if merely to improve public relations, the chancellor would consider cutting his salary, which including benefits, exceeds $100,000 annually.

"You are asking to cut things that we think are vital," Marzillier said.

Koltai seemed indignant, if not angry, at the question.

"I don't believe my salary relates to the supplies," Koltai said. "I believe my salary relates to my performance."

"And I believe," he continued, "that my performance should be judged by the people who employ me."

Assuming that Marzillier's question related to all district employees, Koltai said he would "not be surprised if salary reductions in the form of furloughs or actual salary reductions were in the cards."

"I believe they are in the cards," he said, "myself included."

"By the way," the chief administrator said after responding to the math teacher's question, "I didn't get your name."

Grand jury audit denied

By RONN CROWDER, Editor-in-Chief

Recent reports of a Los Angeles County Grand Jury audit of the Los Angeles Community College District were denied Tuesday by Charles Richardson of Claremont, foreman of the grand jury.

"They (the grand jury) have talked about an audit and made some contact with district officials," said Richardson, "but there's no official audit at this point.

"It has been considered and no action has been taken," continued the foreman, "but first, we have to decide if we are going ahead with it."

The reports, appearing in Pierce College's student newspaper, *The Roundup*, and in the *Daily News* stated that an audit was being conducted by Arthur Young and Company, a private accounting firm that works for the grand jury.

A spokesperson for the company, who wished to remain unidentified said that the company had been instructed by grand jury officials not to make any statements to the press about any pending cases. She neither confirmed nor denied whether an audit of the LACCD was being conducted.

The LACCD has recently been scrutinized by the Little Hoover Commission amid allegations of mismanagement and conflicts of interest, but so far no tangible evidence of legal wrongdoing has been publicized.

Star attempted to reach D.A. Johnson, chairman of the grand jury audit committee, but he was not available for comment.

District Public Information Director Norm Schneider reportedly told the *Daily News* that the district had been contacted for preliminary information by the Young company, and that the information had been provided to them.

For the record

In the Thursday, Sept. 12 issue of the *Star*, Valley College President Dr. Mary E. Lee was reported to have said that Valley may lose respiratory therapy classes next year.

This is not the case, according to Frank Sinsheimer, director of respiratory therapy at Valley.

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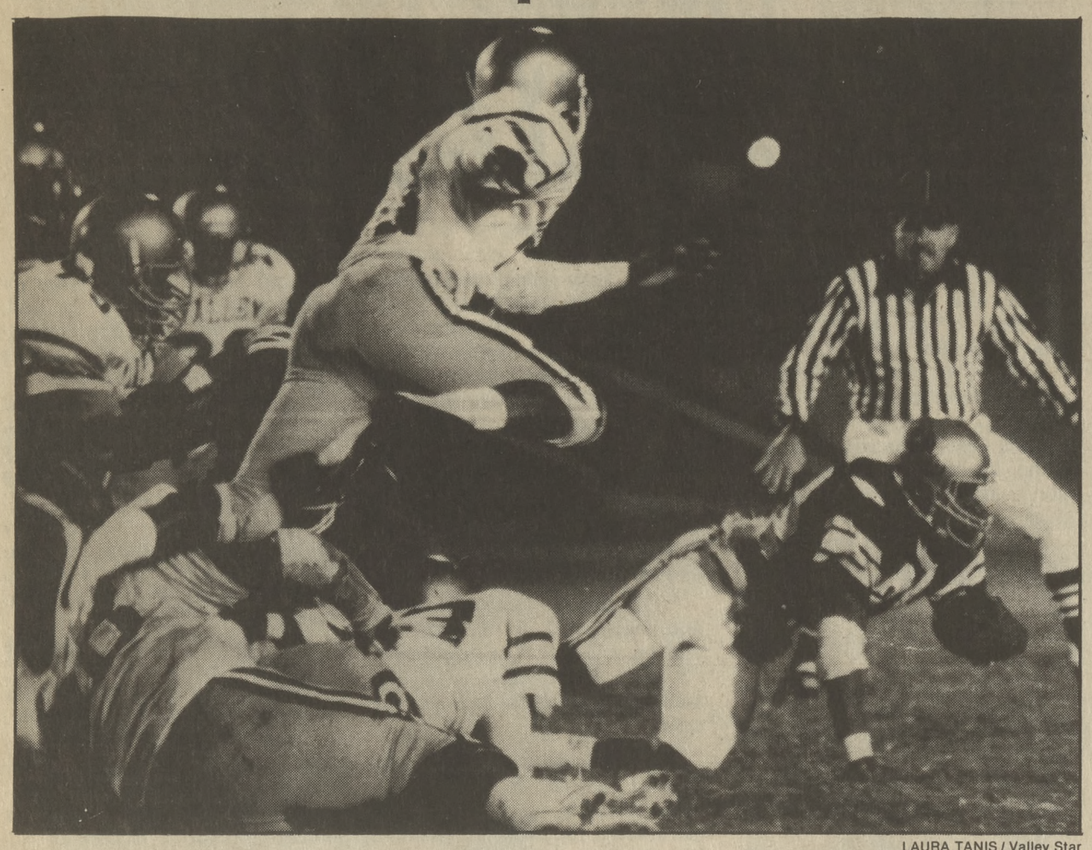

LAURA TANIS / Valley Star

SINKING IN TROUBLED WATERS—A Seahawk running back has no where to go but back as Valley's defense converges.

Harbor sunk

Three-hundred fifty-nine days ago, Valley was defeated by Harbor College 25-24.

The loss was the Monarchs' first in league competition and broke the team's four game winning streak. The loss also marked the beginning of the end of Valley's bowl game hopes as the Monarchs went on to lose their next two games.

Going into last week's game against Harbor, Valley again had a winning streak, this time seven games, and once again had its eyes on a bowl berth.

The Monarchs' repaid Harbor for last year's defeat, with interest, 39-0.

Valley compiled 380 yards in total offense, 321 of it on the ground, while holding the Seahawks to 150 yards.

The scoring output was the largest of the Monarchs' league games and second overall. More importantly, it came against a Harbor defense that limited Pierce College to 13 points one week earlier.

Leading the Monarch rushing assault was Elvin Ware, who collected 131 yards on 11 carries and had three touchdowns. Victor-Bowlay had four carries for 55 yards and one touchdown. Clifford Cannon also had a touchdown while carring the ball 12 times for 41 yards.

Wide receiver Leroy Bush had a 24-yard pass reception for a score. Quarterback Neosia Morris finished the game completing five of 15 passes for 59 yards.

The Monarch defense, in its usual effort, held the Seahawks' offense to 47 yards passing. The secondary allowed only five completions of 26 attempts, while intercepting three passes.

Actually, the secondary can only be attributed with two interceptions, as defensive lineman Chris Glaze intercepted a Seahawk pass and returned it 50 yards to the Harbor two-yard line.

Arthur White and John Morrison had the other two pick-offs.

Punt return man Chris Truitt had his second 100-yard plus game in a row, returning five punts for 101-yards.

Valley faces Southwest College Saturday at Monarch Stadium before a homecoming crowd which will witness the squad's last home game of the season. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Sports Editor

Finals next

Led by the second place finish of Kim Stewart and the fourth place finish of Gretchen Lohr, the women's cross country team qualified for the California State Championships this Saturday at Woodward Park in Fresno.

The race will start at 10:45 a.m.

Running at the Southern California Finals, held in San Dimas, Valley's women team finished second in the overall competition. Mira Costa College took first, edging out the Monarchs by three points.

None of Valley's men finished high enough to advance to the finals. Despite this, coach Bernie Christian was pleased with the improvement the squad made since the beginning of the year.

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Sports Editor

Basketball

Returning starter Tina Johnson will lead a young Valley basketball team in their league opener tomorrow at Bakersfield College.

Johnson, who was first team All-League last year, is joined by many fresh faces off the bench.

Key freshmen to watch, according to Head Coach Jim Stephens, are Lenise Collins, Lisa Rodriquez, and Maryjo Testa.

The team suffered a major disappointment last week when transfer student Jill Daniels, one of the team's better players, suffered a serious injury to her right eye as a result of being poked by a finger.

Daniels was taken to a hospital immediately afterwards. She is having trouble with bleeding behind the eye.

Last Friday she underwent surgery to reduce the bleeding.

Stephens explained ". . . she has five critical days after the surgery during which doctors look for any signs of bleeding. If found, surgery will again be neccessary. From there, the five day cycle starts over again."

All teams members voiced concern about Daniels recovery.

"We will have to regroup now,"said Stephens. "I expected her to be our leading scorer and rebounder. The rest of the team is going to have to pick up the slack now."

Stephens will be looking for help from such players as Monique Brown and Christine Breegal. He considers both good prospect for the upcoming season.

As the team plays it first few games of the season, their record will be a good indication of the exact impact of Daniel's loss.

All hope she will be able to rejoin the team soon.

Johnson, however, is a talented veteran who Stephens hopes will be able to hold the team together and play another All-League year.

By KATHY CROUCH, Staff Writer

Polo victory

Valley's waterpolo did not end last week as reported in last Thursday's edition of the *Star*.

The Monarchs' last match was against College of the Canyons on Nov. 6.

The match saw Valley dominate COC by a 26-2 score.

According to Head Coach Bill Krauss, the Monarchs were much faster and more experienced than the Canyon unit.

By STEVE FOUNTAIN, Sports Editor

Valley's right guard is confident for sure

By JOHN KRIL, Assoc. News Editor

Football offers an education beyond its obvious physical conditioning of the human body, to those who take advantage of it.

Jamil Hershewe realized that when he began playing in the ninth grade and never lost sight of it.

"Football is important because it's something I enjoy," said Hershewe chewing on some sunflower seeds after a rainy practice. "Just going to school and studying can get kind of boring."

But that is where any similarity to the stereotyped football player ends when it comes to the six-foot-one inch, 260-pound Hershewe.

"It's an important recreation. You mean something to the school," said the grandson of a Lebanese immigrant, lamenting the cost of higher education in today's world. "And it's a way of getting a free education which I find very important.

Hershewe, a pre-law student with a B average, plans on becoming a sports attorney, managing players and their inevitable salary and contract disputes with owners.

"I'm not a jock. I'm an athlete. There is a difference," said Hershewe.

Recruited from Fairfax High by line coach Dave Buchanan two years ago, Hershewe felt nervous during his first season at Valley.

"You will find out by your first game whether you really want to play college ball," related Hershewe. "It's tough, especially here. The coaches are fair, they're the best coaches in the city."

Unlike many college athletes who see their sport as merely a stepping stone to personal glory before the cheering crowds, Hershewe tempers his enjoyment of the game with a realistic appreciation of that stepping stone.

"I'm trying to use it as a way of getting a scholarship for a higher education," he said. "I've always done well in school because I've always loved it. I find things that interest me and one of the advantages of college is that if something's boring, you don't have to take it."

Hershewe finds the teachers at Valley play an integral role in his pursuit of academic success.

"They keep me interested, and that's how I judge teachers," he said. "If I'm in a class and get bored, there's a problem. All the teachers I have, I'm very satisfied with.

"The athletes who don't think about their schooling are in bad shape—you've seen what's happened to them. To blame the college is stupid because it's their own fault. A kid's not going to learn if he doesn't want to."

Hershewe credits his parent's support for his continuing desire to learn, especially his father, who can be found at the sidelines of every game, camera in hand, rooting for the entire team.

"My parents are very liberal, strict at times, but liberal in their views toward me," said Hershewe of the love he feels is important in his family. "They've supported everything I've wanted to do, and as long as they see I'm happy, they're happy."

JOHN KRIL / Valley Star

NOT A DUMB JOCK—Monarch guard Jamil Hershewe sees football as a means to pay for his education in law.

For Hershewe, success means leaving the status quo for a more productive future.

"I need to improve in everything I do, every day," said Hershewe. "I'm saying that from a general standpoint. I'm not trying to be 'bad' or anything, but I feel that you have to get better. That's what our coaches tell us and if you think about it, they're right. There is a good point to it."

How does the aspiring attorney who maintains 14 units and football practice from 1 to 5 p.m. everyday except Sunday improve in what he's doing?

It's pretty simple," responded the offensive guard, letting go a slight chuckle. "Study. There's nothing hard about it. It's hard work, but you stay with it.

"And when you want to quit and say, 'To hell with all this crap,' you just come back down to earth."

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Sports rap *By STEVE FOUNTAIN*

The quotes of coaches; What do they really mean?

Coaches are an interesting breed. Besides having to lead and inspire their teams, they have to handle the media.

This situation has resulted in a deluge of predictable, dull, and uneventful quotes from the coaching world.

But to the skilled eye, these types of quotes are the key to finding out exactly what the state of the team is.

In order to help develop your ability to decipher the true meaning of coaches' quotes, my staff of sport experts has done exhaustive research. The following is the fruit of our labors, divided into two parts—*What they say,* and what they mean.

"Of course we have a few weaknesses."

"Actually we have three; we can't hit, catch, or run."

"This player has all the tools."

"But he cannot do a thing with them."

"It could have turned out better for us, but we had a couple of bad breaks."

"The team bus didn't break down and the game wasn't cancelled. . ."

"We failed to execute properly."

"The opponent's quarterback escaped before we had a chance to shoot him."

"We have a strong bench."

"It is made of the toughest plastic and steel available."

"I really can't complain about the officiating."

"I can't help it if the refs are all deaf, dumb, and blind.

"You can't enjoy winning until you have experienced losing."

"Maybe some day we will find out."

"Our team has a lot of heart."

"Now if they only had some brains and talent. . ."

"He is the kind of player who makes his own rules."

"Of course—his contract gave him half the team's profits."

"When he has the ball he is always a scoring threat."

"Especially for the other team."

"That team is always a tough team to play."

"That team always beats the living (bleep) out of us."

"He is the type of player that can turn our team around."

"Things can be going good for us, we put him in, and sure enough things will turn around."

"I am looking forward to working with this team next year."

"Actually, with my record, I'm lucky to be working anywhere."

Protest . . .

(Continued from page 1)

could not be repaired because the service contract had not been renewed.

"Keeping students in classes," she said, "is an impossible task when you have to try to teach students with equipment that doesn't work."

Pollyea asked the trustees for an assurance that the contract would be renewed.

Board President Monroe Richman answered her request.

"We are in a position of choosing between things verses people," he said. Richman said that the board chose to drop the contract to avoid additional layoffs.

The trustees listened to plea after plea to rescind the proposed layoffs.

Trustee Harold Garvin said that "over 90 percent of our budget goes to salaries." The rest he said, includes fixed costs like utilities. For this reason, Garvin said, "We are forced to consider layoffs. "

Some trustees conceded that some functions of the district office should be moved to campuses, but they also cited obstacles.

"When we move out," said Trustee Marguerite Archie Hudson, "we have to replace ourselves with the same type of business." She added that the district must find a tenant who can occupy eight floors of the building.

Hudson said that negotiations for the current office facility were made before the passage of proposition 13 in 1978, which drastically changed funding for community colleges.

"It would cost $300 million to purchase what we purchased in 1981," said Trustee Lindsay Conner. The current budget is only $216 million, he said, which represents a 30 percent drop in funding.

Student Trustee Suzanne Spillane said she was in "the quintessential fence-sitting position."

"The lack of a 911 factor," Spillane said, "will cut millions of dollars of income."

Spillane was referring to the factor used to compute allocations to community college districts. The state finance committee recently refused to change the apportionment formula.

Richman advised the students to carry their march to Sacramento.

"That's where the money comes from," he said, "now that we're not getting it."

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"HIT THE ROAD, JACK"—Marjorie Davis (center), Los Angeles Trade Tech student body president, leads a chorus of the old Ray Charles hit in reference to district Chancellor Leslie Koltai at yesterday's protest.

News Notes

COLLEGE INFORMATION DAY

College and University Information Day is Friday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Monarch Square Quad.

The program provides guidance and information for transferring students.

WEIGHT ROOM OPEN

Valley's Community Services will open the campus weight room for public use every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. under the supervision of coach Dave Buchanan. A fee of $2 per night is charged.

AERIAL WORLD VIEW

A lecture and slide show featuring photographs shot from a light airplane will take place on campus today at 11 a.m. in MS 109.

Entitled "An Air View Exploration of the World," the lecture will be given by Richard Raskoff, associate professor of history and will feature aerial photos from all over the world.

DAVE DIXON MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial fund has been established in the name of Dave Dixon, prof. of biology, who passed away Aug. 19, 1985.

The fund will be used to place a memorial bench in the Valley College campus English Oak Grove.

Checks may be made out to LAVC and given to Bill Krauss, Chairman of the Biology Dept., or placed in his mailbox.

RTD COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING

The RTD is setting up a monthly community relations meeting.

Those with suggestions or complaints concerning local RTD service should contact Scott C. Reuman of Disabled Student Programs & Services(DSP&S) at ext. 264.

YULETIDE FEAST

The Los Angeles Valley College Music Department and Choral Council Club will present the Annual Elizabethan Yuletide Feast on Thursday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 6, 1985.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m.

Reserve seat tickets sell for $18 each. A total of 150 seats are available for each performance. Contact the music dept. for further details.

LEARNING CENTER

The learning center is now open in the evening from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The center is located in the Campus Center, lower level, room CC-1.

A college counselor is available daily. Contact Ralph Lazo at extension 408.

VEA (Vocational Education Act) tutoring is a federally-funded program for students enrolled in qualifying vocational/occupational programs. Contact Dr. Robert Scott at extension 407.

The EOP&S (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) tutoring program has moved to Cafeteria 100.

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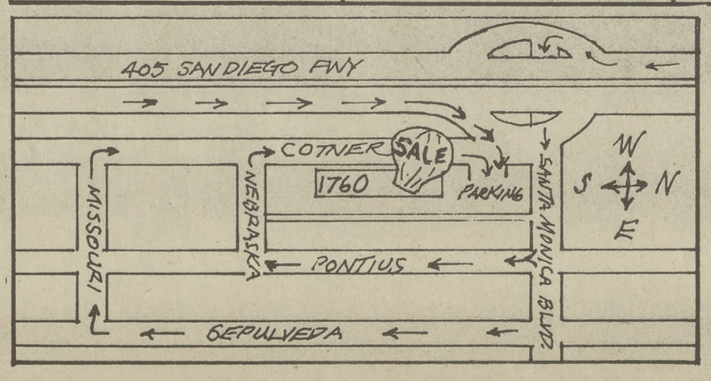

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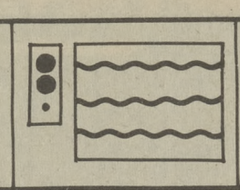


VARIOUS ARTISTS

Island Reggae Greats

(RCA)

As you watch the compilation video, *Island Reggae Greats*, you may think "Hooray, someone besides myself is still concerned about the problems and fate of our world."

For the greater part of 28 minutes, this music video not only keeps the viewer's attention, it *demands* it.

The video successfully guides its viewers through a wide spectrum of human emotions. Its powerful entertainment not only allows you to groove to the beat, it also makes you feel and react.

Perhaps the video's most fascinating feature is its portrayal of so many unique and interesting individuals. The message is clear: "It's you and I who make up this world."

Although all of the cuts are good, the best is *Chasing For The Breeze* by Aswad.

Commenting on unemployment and human determination, it leaves the viewer with a sense of hope. Its humorous touches are heartwarming.

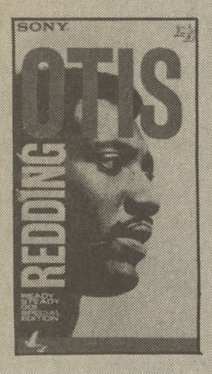
The video includes excellent guitar playing and mellow vocal harmonies.

Now That We've Found Love by Third World has a wonderful upbeat melody that fills the viewer with positive energy. Its pictorial presentation of the Caribbean is delightful.

The only flaw is that the Bob Marley cut, *War/No More Trouble*, is too long. Marley fans get the chance to indulge.

One of the groups featured on the video, Toots and the Maytals, say it all in their song *Reggae Has Soul*. This video is a reminder that we all do.

—Christine Ziaya



OTIS REDDING

Live

(Sony)

Otis Redding fans should be excited by news of the release of *Otis Redding Live*, but only the staunchest among them will retain the excitement after viewing the video.

Accompanied by a 15-piece orchestra and joined by guest artists Eric Burdon (The Animals) and Chris Farlowe, a lesser-known British blues singer, Redding dominates the 25-minute kinescope recording of the 1965 British rock program, *Ready, Steady, Go!*

(A kinescope is a film made by photographing images from a television screen.)

The video is remarkable, not only for Redding's solid performance, but for its poor quality of images and audio, compared with modern production values.

Naturally, television control rooms in the early 60's were not as technically sophisticated as those of today, but the video producers had the option of electronically enhancing the old recording using modern equipment. They apparently did not.

Poor recording quality notwithstanding, Redding breaks through the limitations of the small screen with a larger-than-life exhibition of virtuoso soul singing.

"The King of Soul" was his title, and he lives up to his reputation. His performances of *My Girl* and *Respect* are classics. When he breaks into *Can't Turn You A' Loose*, the British studio audience loses control. The video only captures some of that excitement.

Those who have never been exposed to the genius of Otis Redding should perhaps listen to his records before viewing *Otis Redding Live*.

Otis Redding Live displays Otis, not at his best, but well enough to give his loyal followers a taste of what he was. For that they should be grateful. The footage, though it may not be his best work, is indeed priceless. There will never be another Otis Redding.

—Ronn Crowder

RATT

The Video

(Atlantic)

The latest video from the boys of Ratt, entitled *Ratt: The Video*, is a rather predictable conglomeration of inside interviews, concert footage, video clips, and tour notes.

It shows five of the group's best videos: *Wanted Man, You Think You're Tough, Back For More, Round And Round,* and *Lay It Down*, their current single.

Overall, this is an unexciting 30 plus minutes of film. Instead of focusing on something in particular, the director threw together a bunch of unrelated clips, focusing on their Japanese tour.

The most interesting parts of the tape are the interview sections with the band members. It is brief and predictable, but nevertheless fun to watch.

The rest of the tape shows the five videos and stage footage. Unfortunately, pre-recorded music is played during the concert shots.

Leader singer Steven Pearcy lacks intensity on stage, but has an unusually charismatic face which makes up for this flaw.

Milton Berle, the long-time television entertainer, made cameo appearances in two of Ratt's videos. It was out of context and is never explained.

The best part of the video is the clip with drummer Bobby Blotzer explaining his style of playing. He said that his goal was to play to the song, and not to show off his special tricks.

There is no real indication of the essence of the group. It seemed like these were a group of individuals who happened to play together, not inviduals who played together as a unit.

Ratt fans will probably enjoy the videos and interviews. True fans always support the home team.

—Kathy Crouch

MEATLOAF

Live at Wembley

(Jem)

The approaching tenth anniversary of the popular cult film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* brings with it the release of work on video and vinyl, directly and indirectly related to the movie.

Meatloaf, who portrayed the biker in *Rocky Horror*, has released a video from his 1977 concerts at Wembley Stadium in London, England.

Visually, the video provides nothing unique to distinguish it from other live concert tapes.

The standard close-ups from the audience's point of view, the shot from behind the drummer, and the tight angle of a guitarist's rapid fingering are all included.

He uses no special effects beyond multi-colored lighting during the concert.

While this dulls the watching of the video, it must be remembered that the meat and potatoes of a Meatloaf show lie not in the staging, but in the gutsy, "coming at you", rock style.

The show opens with the title cut from the *Bat Out Of Hell* LP. All selections from the album are performed during the 60 minutes.

The Neverland Express Band gives Meatloaf the hard-driving constant power he needs to back the energy of his vocals.

The show ends with the top hit from the LP, *Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad*.

The video is successful in bringing the viewer close enough to see the emotion of the performers and in the quality of the recording itself. All can be seen and heard clearly.

What the video lacks in visuals is almost made up by the intensity of the performers. This leads one to wonder if a live album might have been a better project artistically.

—Steve Fountain

'Uncommon Women': a graphic portrayal

STEPHANIE A. STASSEL / Valley Star

PROVOCATIVE PLAY—Rita (Eve Wood) tells her friends Holly (Christina Colligan) and Leilah (Amanda Guzman) of her latest interests in Valley's *Uncommon Women And Others*. The play opens tonight at 8:30 in the Horseshoe Theater.

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

To conclude its fall season, Valley's theater arts department is offering an innovative, provocative play entitled *Uncommon Women And Others*.

The play is about personal growth, decisions, and womanhood.

Written by Wendy Wasserstein, the play opens at the casual reunion of five women who lived in the same dorm throughout college. Only the first and last scene are of the reunion.

The remainder of the play takes place in their senior year of college, six years earlier.

The five women are: Bonnie Kennedy as Kate; Christina Colligan as Holly; Robin Stallings as Muffet ; Eve E.M. Wood as Rita; and Katherine Pruneda as Samantha.

Other cast members are: Maria Zeimet as Susie Friend, the socialite; Amanda Guzman as Leilah, Kate's ex-best friend; Dena J. Cerino as Carter, the shy freshman; and Angela Anderson as Mrs. Plum, the girl's house mother in the dorm.

Peter Mauk, Valley theater arts department chariman, is the director. Jacquelyn Schulert is the stage manager and David Kozen, her assistant.

"The play deals with the conflicts young women face when they're in college," Stallings said.

She said the play is similar to the '83 movie *The Big Chill*.

The majority of the play involves flashbacks from the women's college years.

"If we succeed, there will be definite differences between the past and future in the characters," she said.

Uncommon Women And Others opens tonight in Valley's Horseshoe Theater at 8:30. Other performances are Nov. 15, 16 and 21, 22, and 23.

Defecting dancers highlight intriguing 'White Nights'

By STEPHANIE A. STASSEL, Entertainment Editor

What would happen if a defector who fled from Russia over 10 years ago was on a plane that had to crash-land in his native country?

This question is addressed in Columbia Picture's latest offering, *White Nights*.

The movie is exciting and intriguing, yet disturbing. The Russians' hold over the two main characters is frightening.

White Nights opens with Nikolai Rodchenko, portrayed by ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, and his agent, portrayed by Geraldine Page, experiencing the crash-landing of their flight that was intended to return them to New York. Rodchenko is hurt and taken to a Russian hospital.

A KGB representarive, Colonel Chaiko, played by Jerzy Skolimowski comes to his bedside, reminding Rodchenko that he is a criminal in the eyes of Soviet law.

Rodchenko is put under the supervision of an accomplished black tap dancer, Raymond Greenwood, portrayed by Gregory Hines, who fled from the Vietnam War into Russia.

At first, the two are at each other's throats, until they realize that they have a common bond.

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